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| For: HEAVY-DUTY MAT PANEL |) | | |
| CONNECTOR AND SYSTEM FOR |) | | |
| CONNECTING MAT PANELS |) | | |

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant hereby responds to the office action dated March 31, 2009 (the “Action”), that was issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (the “PTO”) in the Application captioned above (the “Application”).